

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 7, 1998

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Senator Kopp
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Papan)

June 17, 1998

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to ~~Officer David J.~~ *the Officer Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 97, as amended, Kopp. ~~Officer David J.~~ *Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.*

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 101 that extends from the San Francisco International Airport to the Broadway-Burlingame exit as the ~~Officer David J.~~ *Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.*

This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, David John Chetcuti was born to John and
2 Lily Chetcuti in San Francisco on March 5, 1955, the
3 youngest of seven children, graduated from Capuchino
4 High School in San Bruno, and, in November 1983, joined
5 the Millbrae Police Department as a Reserve Police
6 Officer; and

1 WHEREAS, ~~David John~~ *Dave* Chetcuti was hired in
2 April 1987 as a Deputy Sheriff with the Alameda County
3 Sheriff's Department and, in December 1987, shortly
4 after graduating from Alameda County's 91st Basic
5 Academy, accepted a position with the Millbrae Police
6 Department; and

7 WHEREAS, During a distinguished 11-year career in
8 the Millbrae Police Department, Officer Dave Chetcuti
9 consistently performed as an outstanding officer and
10 leader, with assignments as a patrol officer, field training
11 officer and, most recently, traffic officer; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti was the first officer from
13 the Millbrae Police Department to receive recognition
14 for the highest number of drunk driving arrests during
15 the "Avoid the 23" Campaign and, in 1995, he received
16 the department's Lifesaving Award for initiating
17 cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on a heart attack victim;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti earned more than 33
20 written commendations and was named in countless
21 news stories describing his arrests, investigations, and
22 extraordinary achievements, and his personnel file
23 contained numerous congratulations, testimonials, and
24 expressions of appreciation and gratitude from members
25 of the public and organizations who benefited from his
26 abiding commitment to duty and service; and

27 WHEREAS, On April 25, 1998, Officer Dave Chetcuti
28 was the first to respond to a call for aid from a fellow
29 officer involved in a traffic stop and shooting on State
30 Highway Route 101 in the vicinity of the Millbrae Avenue
31 off ramp, and as Officer Chetcuti arrived on his
32 motorcycle and approached the suspected vehicle and
33 driver, shots were fired, striking Officer Chetcuti and
34 fatally wounding him, but not before he was able to
35 return fire at the suspect; and

36 WHEREAS, Officer Dave Chetcuti was the first police
37 officer killed in San Mateo County in the last decade and
38 the first officer of the Millbrae Police Department slain
39 in the department's 50-year history; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Dave Chetcuti, survived by his
2 wife, Gail, and three sons, David Jr., John, and Rick, was
3 a loving husband and devoted father; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti was active in the Millbrae
5 Police Officers' Association, previously serving as that
6 organization's ~~President~~ *president*, was a member of the
7 Peninsula Peace Officers' Association, and was a
8 consummate professional and a deeply respected police
9 officer; and

10 WHEREAS, As a result of his dedication to his duties,
11 Officer Chetcuti lost his life while protecting the citizens
12 of Millbrae and this state, and the memory of Officer
13 Chetcuti continues to exemplify for other peace officers
14 throughout the state the highest standard of duty and
15 selflessness; and

16 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a portion of State
17 Highway Route 101 be dedicated to the memory of
18 Officer Dave Chetcuti; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
20 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature
21 hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route
22 101 that extends from the San Francisco International
23 Airport to and including the Broadway-Burlingame exit
24 as the Officer ~~David J.~~ *Dave* Chetcuti Memorial Highway;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
27 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
28 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
29 for the state highway system, showing the special
30 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
31 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
32 markers; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a
34 copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

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